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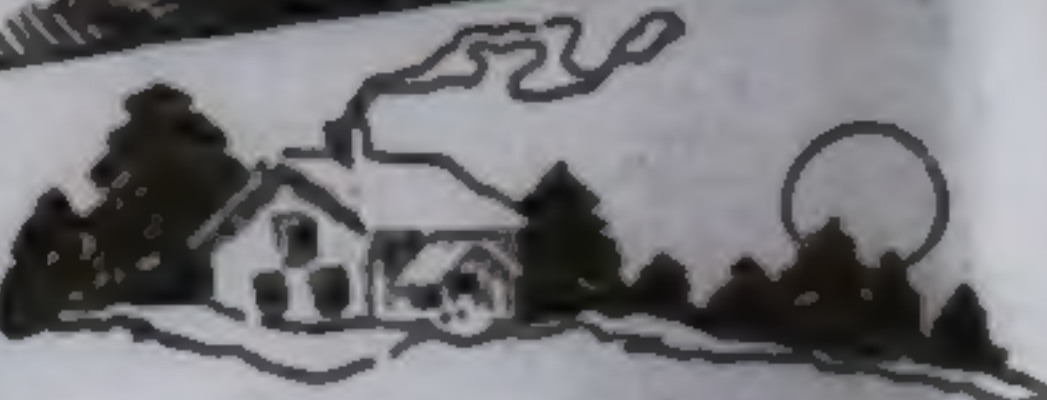


Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin
Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender
and mild, Sleep in
heavenly peace. Sleep
in heaven's peace.

Silent night, Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the
sight, Glories stream
from heaven afar
Heavily sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is
born, Christ the
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CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

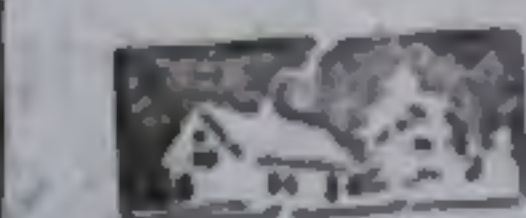
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AND BEST WISHES FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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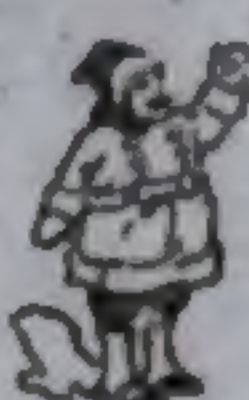


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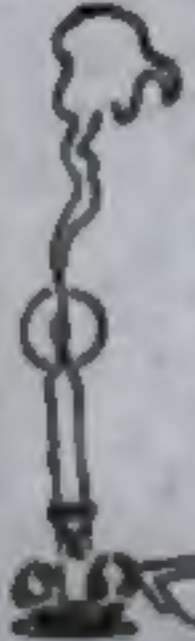


CHRISTMAS
1931



To All
Patrons
New and
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Our Greetings

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mark the
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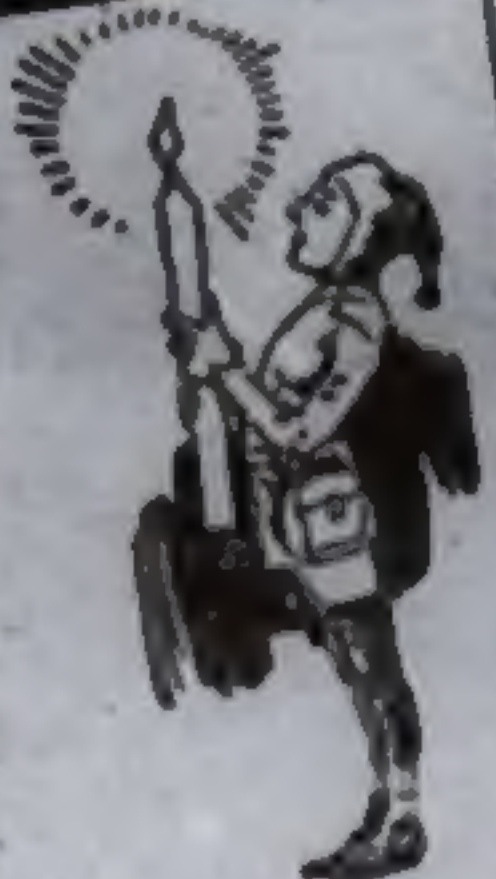
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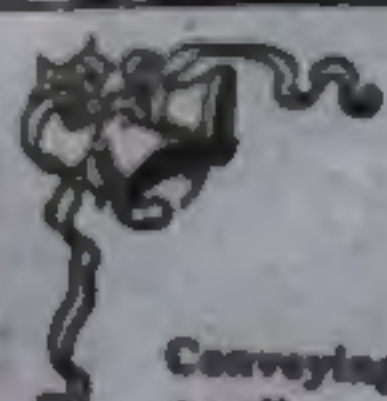
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OF THE SEASON
AND CHEER FOR
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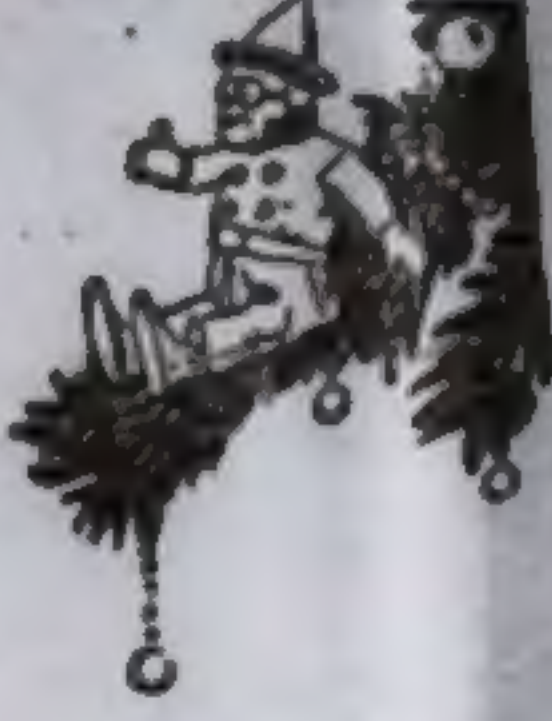


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FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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BE LADEN WITH
MANY
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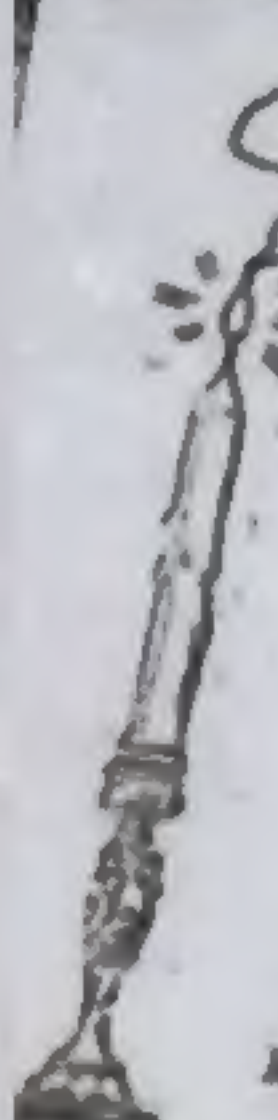


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COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS ITS FINAL SESSION OF YEAR

Various Reports Are Read With — Warden and Chairmen of Committees Receive Usual Honorariums—Industrial Home And Farm In First Class Condition

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln met pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, in the City of St. Catharines, on Wednesday, December 23rd, A.D. 1931, at ten o'clock a.m.

Present: The Warden in the chair and Messrs. Woodruff, Stirling, Sutton, Nesbitt, Swayne, Parker, Irvine, Osborne, Rittenhouse, Clark, Shields, Claus, Fralick, Copeland, McClelland, Lawson, Mitchell and Wilkins.

The Members of the Council decided to disperse with visiting the different county buildings at the session. A by-law authorizing the sale of the lands and premises to Henry Hoshell Dean, mentioned in the deed laid before the council, was given three readings and passed.

The warden and clerk were authorized to sign and submit to the Minister of Public Works and Highways of the Province of Ontario, the petition of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln, showing that during the period from January 1st, 1931, to November 30th, 1931, there has been expended upon the County road system the sum of \$79,740.96 and requesting the statutory grants on that amount as provided by the act to aid in the improvement of public highways.

The council recognized the loss that has been sustained by the County Clerk and Treasurer in the death of his father and passed a resolution extending to him and his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Your Board of Management has met each month and have therefore been able to keep in close touch with both home and farm.

I have made many trips to the Home throughout the year and am pleased to report both the Home and Farm in first class condition. Your Board spent a day visiting the Home at Bradford, Ontario, and the County of Lincoln, also during the year. We visited the Home at Cornwall and Perth and find that our Home compares very favourably with all institutions throughout the Province.

Your Board met recently and discussed the sale and disposal of the lower twenty acres and recommended to the Council that same be disposed of when a satisfactory figure has been secured.

I wish to thank the clergy, and all different churches, church choirs, clubs and societies, also the different bands throughout the county who have been very attentive to the needs as well as the spiritual welfare of the inmates and which has been very much enjoyed and appreciated by all our old people.

A resolution was passed that the members of the council at the closing session of the year 1931 express their thanks to the Warden, Clerk and Treasurer, Stenographers, Messengers, Superintendent and Matron of the Industrial Home, County School, Inspector, Agricultural Representative, County Solicitor, and County Engineer, also the Agents of the Children's Aid Society for their unfailing kindness.

W. D. Fairbrother Is Honored by Colleagues Registrar of Deeds

The reeve, ex-reeves and members of the municipal councils, also corporation officers over a period of eighteen years assembled on Monday night in the Robinson tea room, Deseronto, to pay a tribute to former clerk and treasurer W. D. Fairbrother, since raised to the position of registrar of deeds for Lincoln county.

Around the boards were gathered to the number of some twenty-five colleagues of eighteen years' official life of Beamsville, and all of these, the work of the former clerk and treasurer was intimately associated. They paid him a deserved tribute in anecdotes and story.

It only remained for R. J. Wilson, M.P.P., who was a former reeve himself, to put the final touches on this epochal municipal history by taking from the hands of Messrs. Atkinson and Chase, Wilson, the two young sons of members of the council, and presenting to Mr. Fairbrother a magnificent silver tray suitably engraved as a lasting memento of the corporation of the County of Beamsville for work well done.

"No recipient was visibly touched by the many tributes of old friends throughout the evening, when he rose to reply. He dwelt on his tenure of eighteen years in office, spoke feelingly of his last-minute thoughts in relinquishing the office and said that as in the past, the old home town would ever hold for him the first place in his affections.

HAMILTON COMPANY TO OPERATE AT 100 PER CENT UNTIL END OF YEAR

The Canadian Drains Steel Company will operate at 100 per cent capacity until the end of the year, H. J. Waddle, president, announced.

The company's action is in line with a suggestion by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that concerns operate full time in order to supply the necessities of Christmas. Other manufacturers are expected to do likewise.

BASKETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Christmas Cheer Being Provided By Relief Committee — Donations Received

The Relief Committee of the town has been busy this week arranging for Christmas cheer for families in unfortunate circumstances. The ladies are looking after the baskets as usual.

The town, in order to provide employment for as many as possible, Christmas put on a double shift of workers on the Robinson Street North job on Wednesday and Thursday, two extra days being provided. Twenty-five men are being taken care of in this way.

The town relief fund has now reached a total of \$994.44. Among the contributions received was a substantial amount from the staffs of both the high and public schools.

During the week one of the teachers at the public school forwarded a communication to the relief fund committee in which it was stated that the two nannies enclosed were brought to her by two children to help with the relief for Christmas cheer.

The committee also received a cheque for \$10.00 for Christmas cheer from the Lincoln Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F.

The relief committee is still in need of children's clothing and shoes and would be grateful to any citizens who may have these articles.

Annual At Home Of Union Lodge Enjoyable Function

The annual At Home of Union Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, December 23rd, was a most enjoyable function and was largely attended, about 125 being present.

A splendid program which was much appreciated was given the forepart of the evening. W. M. R. A. Lipson, acting as chairman, introduced violin selections by Mrs. Eric Thompson, vocal solos by Mrs. C. R. Egan, contralto, readings by C. L. Eaton and Mr. Newlove of Hamilton, and piano numbers by Mr. T. L. Dymond.

Another feature of the evening was a play, "The Brothers-in-Law," written by Hamilton, girls of eight and ten years of age.

A buffet lunch was served at 1:30 o'clock, after which dancing was enjoyed by those present until 1:30, the night being closed by the orchestra.

Many Attend High School At Home Successful Event

The annual At Home of the Grimsby High School was again attended by a large number of guests being held on Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the school, when over two hundred were present.

Excellent music was provided by Phil Gage and his orchestra, of Burlington. The room was very tastefully decorated in Christmas colors, much credit being due Mr. Stubbs, of the teaching staff, who so willingly undertook the supervision of the arrangements.

A dainty luncheon was served to those present, through the kindness of the members of Lincoln Loyalist Chapter, I.O.O.F.

Protestances during the evening were made by A. R. Gage, J. A. Campbell, J. S. Jackson, D. Clark and L. A. Bromley.

PENSION BOARD MAKES REPORT

\$11,694 Paid In Old Age Pensions During Year — 87 Receiving Pensions

The Annual Report of Local Old Age Pension Board for the year 1931 presented at the final meeting of the Lincoln County Council was as follows:

Your committee appointed to look after all matters in connection with the Local Age Pensions have to report as follows:

Since the beginning of the Local Old Age Pension work there have been 432 applications with 20 deaths during that time.

During the past year, from January 1st, 1931 to date, there have been 100 applications, with 21 deaths, 87 of these applicants are receiving the Pension and 20 after proper investigation have been refused, 4 applications are still under consideration.

The total amount paid by the Old Age Pension Board during the year 1931 is \$11,694.47 of this was for Pensioners: \$290.00 was for the Stenographer's salary and \$1,004.47 was for their fees.

A. H. SHIELDS, Chairman.
R. E. BOOK,
P. E. WILKINS,
J. ARTHUR SWAYNE,
S. STIRLING.

Small contingents of men from Grimsby, Port Dalhousie and Thorold have left for road construction camps at Quill River, in the Kenora district. The group, which was accompanied to Toronto by Superintendent Leo Cunningham of the Employment Bureau, includes 17 from Grimsby township, 10 from Port Dalhousie and 10 from Thorold.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY

Township Meeting at 1 o'clock And Town Meeting At 7:30 P.M.

The nominations for both the town of Grimsby and Township of North Grimsby will be held in the council chambers, Grimsby, on Monday next, when it is anticipated a large number of ratepayers will attend.

The township nominations will be held at 1:00 o'clock p.m. and the town nominations at 7:30 p.m.

There is considerable conjecture as to the probable candidates in both municipalities and it is rumored that citizens outside of the present council will stand for office.

On the other hand the opinion has been expressed by a number of citizens that the council should be renewed by acclamation this year and the funds saved used for relief purposes.

If a larger number of candidates qualify for the various offices then it is necessary the election will be held, on Monday, January 4th. Candidates for office have until Tuesday evening at nine o'clock to qualify.

NO HOCKEY TEAM HERE

Amateur Athletic Association Withdraws Team — Parties Felt To Reconcile Differences

There will be no hockey team this year. After two weeks of hectic struggling the Amateur Athletic Association decided to withdraw their team. This is the hardest blow administered to sport in this or any other town but there was no other alternative.

The Athletic Association was not a party to this squabble. They were trying to get as many members as possible in the winter, but the board of the town was trying to do this without success.

A. H. A. Toronto, is as follows: "I am definitely withdrawing from O. H. A. Parties in dispute decided to withdraw from the association. The Grimsby Amateur Athletic Association takes this opportunity of wishing all the citizens a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

C. T. FARRELL, President.

WEEKLY TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

Dec.	Mon.	Tues.
16	41	31
17	47	30
18	42	31
19	43	30
20	34	25
21	47	32
22	44	40

Auto Strikes Pole District In Darkness

Nearly the whole district from the Beach to the end of Oakville was plunged into darkness about 10:20 o'clock on Saturday night, when an automobile struck a Hydro-Electric power commission pole at the junction of the Windsor street and Beach boulevard. Street lights, store and house lights were extinguished.

Want out and business men of the town were seriously inconvenienced. When the lights did not come on immediately, a search for candles and lamps was made in most homes. Repair men of the local Hydro office went out immediately to locate the trouble, but it was well over an hour before the service was restored.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER CARES FOR MANY CHILDREN

The representative of the County of Lincoln on the Board of Management of the Children's Shelter presented the following report at the final meeting of the County Council:

I herewith present a financial report of receipts and expenditures for the year 1931 to December 14th, for the Children's Shelter, there being care for this year, 94 children.

The following is a statement of Revenue and Expenditures:

Expenditures	Estimated	Actual	Balance
Salaries and Wages	\$4,100.00	\$3,758.00	\$ 342.00
Food and Meals	600.00	463.91	136.09
Milk	250.00	182.50	67.50
Bread	200.00	112.87	87.13
Ice	20.00	23.00	Er. 3.00
Drugs	50.00	44.89	5.11
Clothing	300.00	212.17	87.83
Light, Heat and Water	500.00	468.53	31.47
Telephone	125.00	120.97	Dr. 4.03
Railway Fares, Taxi, etc.	200.00	220.00	20.00
Minor Maintenance	50.00	194.26	265.41
Medical and Remedial	25.00	32.21	25.00
Printing, Stationery, etc.	42.00	41.67	Er. 33.21
Laundry supplies	25.00	41.67	23
In garage	210.00	137.74	6.26
Miscellaneous	\$82.00	\$150.43	\$ 68.43
	\$7,767.00	\$4,383.00	\$3,424.26

1931 Estimated Revenue

Revenue	Estimated	Actual	Balance
From Children	\$ 200.00	\$ 217.00	\$ 17.00
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J. ARTHUR SWAYNE, Chairman.

FIRE DEPT. IS EFFICIENT

Highly complimented on its Fine Record — Entertains Town And Township Councils

The members of the Grimsby Fire Department were hosts to the town and township councils and other friends on Friday evening at their club rooms, when a most enjoyable few hours was spent by all present.

The entertainment being provided in cards and billiards which was followed by an appetizing luncheon served by the firemen.

In the card games the prizes were awarded to George Bolton, Joe Wentworth and E. R. Murdoch.

The evening concluded with brief addresses by the present, ex-Mayor A. Hewson presiding with much acceptance.

Mayor Bowler of Grimsby, Deputy Reeve Mitchell of North Grimsby and members of both councils spoke briefly as did also others present, all of whom complimented the fire department highly on its splendid record of service and the evidence of harmony existing in the organization.

Chief Demit in acknowledging the expressions of appreciation, stated that the fire in Grimsby during the year numbered 12.

The total estimated loss in the town was \$17,700. The fire in North Grimsby totaled \$ with a total estimated loss of \$2500, including the Pickering Hotel which was totally destroyed.

Grimsby's volunteer fire department, in the address given, was lauded for its promptness in getting to fires and the general efficiency displayed in the discharge of its duties under the leadership of Chief Demit.

The event was in every way a most successful one and provided a delightful social evening.

Annual Christmas Tree Party Given By Grimsby Lodge

Over one hundred children and parents from the town and township gathered for the second annual Christmas tree party for the children of the unemployed, held on Saturday afternoon under the auspices of Grimsby Lodge, I.O.O.F., and it proved a most happy event. Following the singing of "O Canada" and the "Mistletoe" for which Mrs. Shaffer acted as accompanist, games were played after which the kiddies were served with ice cream and cake.

The arrival of Santa Claus was the crowning event and the distribution of bags of candy, oranges, nuts and candy canes, brought joy to many hearts. Santa Claus also giving the smaller children a big stocking filled with novelties and the larger children smaller ones.

The larger ones were also sent to sick children unable to be present. Each child was also presented with a pair of woolen stockings.

The stockings filled with novelties were donated by Mr. Ballard of the Grimsby Drygoods Company. Cake was donated by Albert Jarvis, of the Grimsby Bakery and the coffee for the ice cream by Chivers and Sons.

A much larger number of children of the unemployed than usual were provided for this year, only 43 children of the unemployed being located last year.

Mr. John E. Singer, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Singer, Doran Ave.

Misses Lila and June Walker arrived home on Friday last from Verdun, Ontario, where they will spend the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED BY WARDEN BOOK

Enjoyable Function Held in St. Catharines on Thursday Last — Presentation Made To Warden At End of Term — Representatives Present From Various Municipalities — Happy Addresses Given

The Warden House, St. Catharines, was the scene of an auspicious event on Thursday evening last, when Warden Robert E. Book, Reeve of South Grimsby, was host to the members of the Lincoln County Council, county officials and a large number of friends at the Warden's home.

The function was an elaborate one and a most enjoyable evening. The Smithville orchestra, which provided the music, was a most enjoyable one, while John Allen, capable led the community singing.

Following a delicious turkey dinner a series of toasts elicited happy addresses, the duties of toastmaster being capably performed by James Macpherson, ex-warden, of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The toast to the Legislature was ably proposed by ex-warden Joseph E. Masters, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and was responded to by J. Wilson, of Lincoln, and E. C. Graves, of St. Catharines. Mr. Wilson left the address in the hands of Mr. Graves. The latter declared that members of county councils or members of governments had never seen such a difficult time. It is a great time for the opposition, he said, it is so easy to tell what ought to be done. While we may make mistakes we are all Canadians and try to do our best for Canada.

Legislation may be suggested at the next session, Mr. Graves said, which may not be too well thought of by county councils and the rural districts. In this he referred to a compulsory financial pooling, pointing out the difficulties of some municipalities. I am satisfied, he said, that irrespective of what the government may find necessary to do, the county of Lincoln is solid in financial matters and at no time will it be necessary to send a man here to check on you. We must watch our financial position carefully for the next few years if we are to weather the storm which has been brewing for some time, he said.

He spoke on the possibility of a moratorium on mortgages and stated that he hoped that would never come, expressing the belief that there was a better way. Just as soon as you place a moratorium on mortgages, he said, you bottle money up so tight that a large number of men will be unable to carry on. He spoke of the \$35,000,000 loaned by the Provincial Government to the farmers of the province and the difficulties now being met in that regard. If the government were to foreclose on any farm that act would never be taken graciously by the community at large, he said. He admitted that quite a few people were being squeezed for mortgages who should never be squeezed.

Warden Jefferson, of Haldimand County, Warden Gibson of Westwindsor County, Dr. Lewis of Smithville and Mr. McGinness of the Highway Department also responded.

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John Hicks, Former Principal at Beamsville Is Suddenly Stricken

Within a few minutes after coming into the house and sitting in his chair early on Monday afternoon, John Hicks, of Beamsville, passed away with a heart attack. Deceased was one of the well-known public school teachers of the province and was born in Huron county, and came to Beamsville as principal of the public school from Winona in 1911. He occupied this position until June, 1930.

Apart from his educational profession, his principal hobby was the breeding of barred rock poultry. For a number of years he was the recipient of many prizes at poultry shows in Ontario.

He was past president of the Ontario Barred Rock association, a past president of the local horticultural association, a past president of the Lincoln County Teachers' association, and a director of the Glaston Agricultural society. He was an active member and a past treasurer of Court Limestone, C.O.F. The flags on both the public and high schools were at half mast in tribute to his long term of office in the local school. At the municipal election in January last he was elected a member of the board of education for the two-year term. Surviving are his widow, one son, Harold, now in Los Angeles, and three daughters.

BARN BURNED NEAR ST. GEORGE—LOSS \$5,000

The destructive hand of the pyromaniac has brought continual fear into the heart of every farmer, is blamed for the total depopulation of a barn belonging to Malcolm Patton, situated some five miles out of St. George on the Bradford-Galt highway. The fire, which was discovered by Mr. Patton at 7 o'clock in the evening, totally destroyed the contents, including one horse and a calf. Loss is estimated at some \$5,000.

Simultaneously with the outbreak in the barn, a straw stack in the yard of Duncan Miller, a neighbor across the road, was also set on fire. This double act of depredation has not occurred since the first fire of Westwindsor county, when the barns of Henry and Sweeney were ignited at the same time.

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Largest Christmas Mailing In Sixteen Years At Grimsby

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Local Items of Interest

The various classes at the Grimsby Public School held entertainments appropriate to Christmas on Tuesday afternoon.

A drizzling rain fell all day Tuesday here. Various citizens lamented the fact that the weather was not more reasonable.

The stores of Grimsby merchants are attractive with Christmas decorations and present a festive appearance in keeping with the season.

The Public and High Schools closed on Tuesday, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 4th.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby Horticultural Society will be held in the Council Chambers on Saturday, January 16th, 1932, at 8 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Members of the Grimsby Horticultural Society may exchange their Christmas plants at Cole's Nursery, Main St. East, Phone 338 and your plants will be delivered.

Owing to the holiday season and the absence of members the regular business meeting of the I. O. E. will not be held until the first Monday in January.

Quite a number from Grimsby attended the annual dance held at Beamsville on Friday evening by the West Lincoln Branch, No. 177, Canadian Legion.

Mr. Stephen Spencer has returned from Toronto, where he has been undergoing treatment at the Christie St. Hospital. His friends will be pleased to learn that he is making a satisfactory recovery.

In the list of officers of the W. M. S. of the United Church given in last week's issue, the name of Mrs. F. E. Wilkins, who was elected treasurer of the organization was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. C. W. Bell, K.C., of Hamilton, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Clubs of Trinity United Church and St. Andrew's Church to be held on Tuesday, January 5th in Trinity Hall, the latter club having accepted the invitation extended by the United Church Club to be present.

Friends of Mr. Frank Smart, C. N. R. telegraph operator at Grimsby, who has been confined in a Hamilton hospital as a result of injuries received in a recent auto accident, will be glad to know that he is progressing favorably, returning to his home in Grimsby a few days ago.

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Social and Personal

Miss Malee Chillingford has returned from a two weeks' visit in Ottawa.

Mrs. C. E. Phelps and Miss Sadie Phelps spent Monday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fahney, of New York, are spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. D. Clark, Fenton St.

Miss Gladys Barnum, of New York, is spending Christmas with her parents, Depot St.

Mr. J. J. Furey, of Burford, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James T. Threl.

Miss Annie Botta, of Toronto, is the guest of friends in Grimsby for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Douglas Wood, of Varsity, Toronto, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wood, during the Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Ralph and Eric Bull, of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bull.

Miss Flora Aiton, who is attending Queen's University at Kingston, is spending two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Aiton, Oak St.

Miss Marion Marsh, who is a student at Guelph, O.A.C., is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh, Robinson St.

Mr. Douglas Farrell, who is attending Varsity at Toronto, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Farrell.

Mr. George Brown and Miss Jean Hammond, of Peterboro, Ontario, were guests for the past few days, of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Love, Day St.

FULTON - GRASSIE W. I.
The spirit of goodwill pervaded the Christmas meeting of the Fulton-Grassie W. I. for all those fortunate enough to attend.

Considerable time was taken in reports and discussion of relief work both in the community and in Hamilton. Plans were also made for future work.

Miss Mary Hayball gave a splendid insight into the progress of Education in a paper on "The History of the Public School in Canada." Many amusing reminiscences were recalled of pioneer school days.

The Roll call on "What have you?" was answered promptly and the varied answers were amusing, interesting and helpful.

Christmas music and the exchange of gifts completed an enjoyable afternoon.

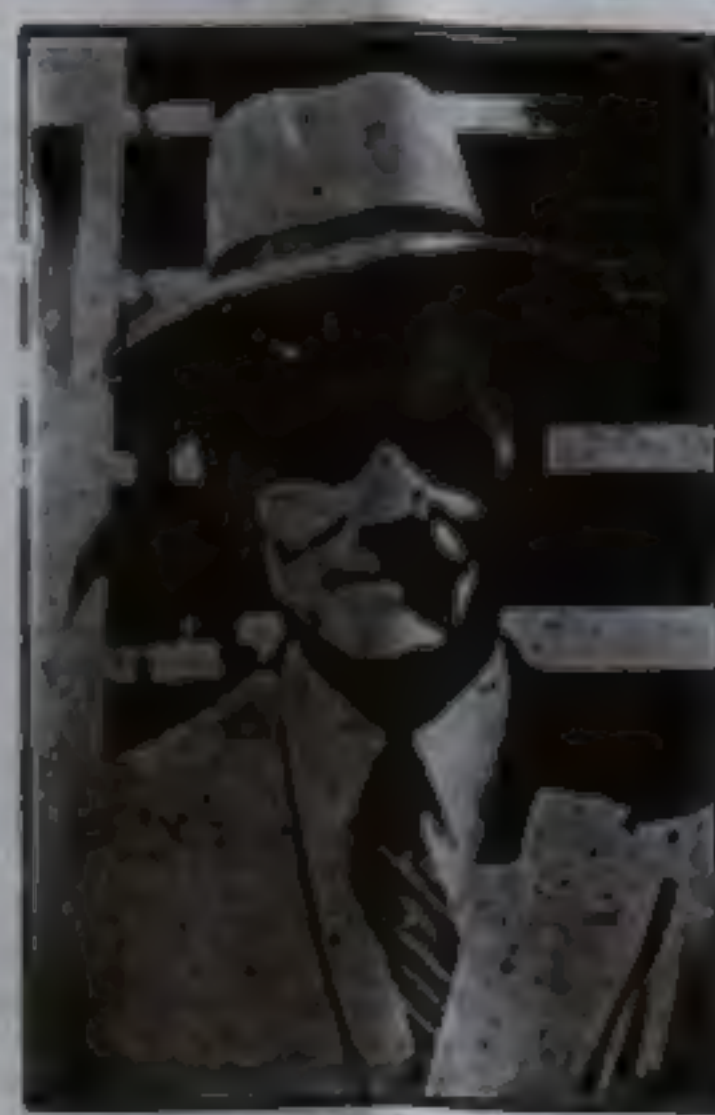
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"The just six years ago to-day,
Since you, dear Dad, have passed
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Another Barn Fire In Wentworth County Loss Is \$4,000

Another Wentworth county barn was
burned Saturday when the uninsured
outbuildings on the farm of Joseph
De Lottville, on the Governor's road
1½ miles west of Dundas, was de-
stroyed by a fire of undetermined ori-
gin, with a loss of about \$4,000. Twelve
pigs, two calves and three rabbits
were destroyed, along with the sea-
son's crops.

The fire broke out in the haystack, it
was stated, about 7:30 o'clock and
tramps are believed by the owner to
have been responsible. The owner,
who had lived in the county for many
years, had been milking, and had gone
to the separator house. When he re-
turned he found the upper part of the
barn, in which had been stored about
eight tons of hay, in flames. Two
need drills and twenty loads of oat
sheaves were also a prey of the
flames, as well as the fine barn, a pig
pen and a chicken coop.

Former Beverly Tp. Farm Boy Leaves Accumulated Millions

Rise of a Beverly Township farm
boy to affluence was revealed when
the probate of the will of Andrew Mc-
Nicholl, Winnipeg millionaire, finan-
cier and philanthropist, disclosed the
disposition of an estate variously es-
timated at from six to fifteen million
dollars.

Dr. W. J. McNicholl, a nephew has
been mentioned as one of the principal
heirs, but he declared he did not
know what legacies his uncle's will
provided.

"I doubt if the estate will approach
the amount reported," he said. "My
uncle gave several million dollars to
charity during his lifetime."

Thirteen nieces and nephews will
share in the estate, he thought. All
but three reside in Ontario. R. T. Mc-
Nicholl, of Winnipeg, a nephew will
probably succeed to the presidency of
A. R. McNicholl, Ltd., six million dol-
lar corporation, which administered the
holdings accumulated by its found-
er.

City To Abandon Claim For Radial Bonus of \$25,000

The Hamilton Board of Control has
recommended to the City Council that
the city abandon its claim upon the
Ontario Hydro Commission for the
return, with interest, of the bonus of
\$25,000 given to the H. G. & R. Rad-
ial Railway thirty-five years ago, pro-
vided the Hydro board the following
conditions: Remove the rails within
the city limits, pave the streets in
proper repair, turn over all the as-
sets of the line within the city, and
also refund \$1,000 to the city in con-
nection with an overcharge for removal
of poles and street widening.

Doubt was expressed that the city
could force Hydro to repay the bonus
to the city, even if the issue were ta-
ken into the courts, as the court might
be ruled that the H. G. & R. Rail-
way had earned the bonus through
thirty-five years of operation.

Hamilton Election Cost Over \$6500

The cost of Hamilton's municipal
election was slightly more than \$6500
which figures out a little more than
17 cents for each vote polled. The
election cost, one of the highest of the
previous years because of the increas-
ed number of polling sub-divisions,
but the average cost per vote was
lower because of the unusually heavy
poll.

Heading the list of expenses was
the cost of polling booths. Each of
712 booths cost \$21 to operate, \$5 for
booth rental, \$7 for the deputy re-
turning officer, \$5 for his clerk and
\$4 for the special constable, a grand
total of \$6753. Then there was \$325
for printing, \$100 for forms and the
remainder for equipment, such as ink
and pencils and other sundries.

It is estimated, allowing for repeater
votes, that is people who vote more
than once for money by-laws that 38-
000 people voted on Monday, the larg-
est number in the city's history.

Welland County Warden Entertains At Banquet

With over 200 in attendance, the
annual warden's banquet of Welland
county was held at the Hotel Reata
with County Warden W. L. Near of
Humberstone as host. Many promi-
nent residents from the district were
included on the program of speakers,
which was as follows: George H.
Pettit, K. C., M. P.; Mark Vaughan,
M. L. A. Welland; W. G. Wilson, M.
L. A. Ridgeway; John Ralph Wel-
land; Louis MacDonald, Port Col-
borne; Mayor Fred J. Bradley, Wel-
land; and County councillors, Roland
Bosch, Stamford; Herbert Fritz, Port
Colborne; C. E. Stock, Frank Hex-
mer, Stamford; Warlen Near, who
gave the address of the evening, was
introduced by Ex-Warden A.
bison, of Humberstone township, who
was the toast to the ex-wardens was
proposed by Arthur Dam to Peachill.

At the closing of the non-jury sit-
ings of the supreme court at Hamilton
court house on Saturday, Justice Nich-
oll Jeffery awarded \$1,200 damages to
Wallace Cross, Wilton, Bridgeburg, in
the action of Mr. Wilson against Dr.
Albert Collins, of Bridgeburg, for en-
courage plaintiff's wife, Almira Alice
Wilson, away from her home and hus-
band.

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in a position to weather the financial
storm was made apparent when the

Pre-cooling, Central Packing And Storage Plant for St. Catharines

The first step towards the erection
of a pre-cooling, central packing and
storage plant for St. Catharines

of St. Catharines, Ontario, was
given to a fixed assessment for \$10,000
on a proposed plan to be erected by
the company on their lands on David-
son street. The by-law will now go
to the electors for ratification.
The proposed plant will cost be-
tween \$80,000 and \$100,000 and is to
be erected during the coming year.
Should the company fail to secure fi-
nancial assistance from the government
towards the erection of such a plant
within the next year, provision is made
in the agreement that the date of
building may be delayed upon con-
sent of the council.

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South Africa Finds Sharks Profitable

Man-Eaters Furnish the Raw Material for Thriving Industry at Durban

Cape Town.—Sharks, the man-eaters of sinister reputation and grim memory, are now providing South Africa with a new and flourishing industry, writes Lawrence G. Green in The N. Y. Times. The shark fishing station at Durban has proved a success. Before long the shark hunters will be at work all around the coasts of the Union, from Zululand to Walvis Bay.

Commercial shark fishermen in South African waters use gill nets, 600 feet long and 30 feet deep, with a mesh which traps the shark behind the gills. So large are the hauls that it is often difficult to drag the nets on board the small vessels operating from Durban. The sharks are dead when they reach the surface, drowned by their own fierce efforts to escape from the nets.

Not a scrap of a shark's carcass is wasted at the shore station. One of the most important products is shark leather, which is tough, with an extremely fine grain and a color that never fades. Shoes, bags and gloves of the best quality are made from shark skin. A ton of shark yields about ninety square feet of leather.

The Versatile Liver Oil. Then there is the valuable liver, which, when refined, is very similar to cod liver oil. Lower grades of shark liver oil are used in the manufacture of paint, varnish and soap. The best oil has been turned into margarine without a trace of fishy smell of flavor remaining.

Shark fins, of course, go to China, where such delicacies are relished. A shark fin, in fact, is about the most expensive food in the world. It contains a gelatinous substance which is prized for its vitamins. Dried in the sun and carefully packed, one shark fin may be worth \$1 by the time it reaches the Far East.

The teeth go to the same market. Cleaned and bleached and often capped with gold, they make necklaces which are adored by the women of China. In some of the Pacific Islands sharks' teeth are used as currency. A Sydney firm once received an order for 100,000 sharks' teeth for this purpose.

Shark meat tastes very much like salt cod. Washed, pickled, dried and cut into strips, it is ready for export to certain African territories where it is held in higher esteem than canned salmon or carver.

Dress Goods and Drugs. The skin of a shark's stomach may be turned into a substitute for cloth. The gill provides elements of wonderful quality. Precious drugs are obtained from the pancreatic glands. Other parts of the carcass are converted into fertilizer containing a high percentage of nitrogen.

A great impetus was given to the shark-fishing industry by the discovery of a method of removing the delicate skin. This is an intricate, secret process. Sharkskin, properly treated, is so soft that stockings which will not "ladder" can be made from it.

There is no fear that the war on sharks will result in a state of affairs such as that which is threatening the whaling industry. The supply of sharks is equal to any demand. At Durban the daily catch "has exceeded eighty sharks, including one weighing 1,900 pounds. An eighty sharks are worth about \$2,000. There are millions more in the sea. Experts believe that it will be at least ten years before the supply of sharkskin can meet the demand.

The Intelligentist

By O. Bernard Shaw in a recent lecture.

Finally there came a time when all this business about ostracizing the intelligentist was not working.

When I went to Russia I was received at Moscow by a large delegation of men. To begin with, they always put me in a room with all directions. They were the very last people I wanted to see. There were also men of science, artists and the rest of it. They all came. I noticed they looked uncommonly jolly and prosperous and so on.

I said to the author: "I am glad to see you looking so prosperous and so on." Not a single author in Russia tried to borrow a single shilling from me. That is an absolute record for the world. I said to them: "Are you not the intelligentist?" They replied: "Certainly not. We are not the intelligentist."

I said: "I know that, of course, but I thought it was more or less of a family secret between ourselves. How did the Russian Government find it out, and if you are not the intelligentist, what are you?" They answered: "We are the intelligentist."

The farmer sat on the porch with a dog of corn licker beside him. The salesman came up the steps: "How do you do, sir. I have here a monumental work on agriculture which gives all the latest methods in farming." "What good will it do me?" "Why, it will teach you to be a better farmer." "Don't want it. Ain't half as good a farmer now as I know how to be."—Saturday Evening Post.

Says Canada Strong in Day of Trial

Bank of Montreal Heads Review Situation at Bank's Annual Meeting

In the speeches of Sir Charles Gordon, president, and Jackson Duddy, joint general manager, at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, comment was made on the latest strength being exhibited by Canada in the face of world depression, especially in regard to the banking structure of the country. Sir Charles, while declining to prophesy as to the immediate outlook, said that taking the long view "there is every reason to look forward with confidence to emerging stronger and more prosperous than ever from the conditions that now prevail," and Mr. Duddy remarked, "It would be rash indeed to speak with assurance of the prospects of the coming year, but it is surely permissible to say that when international confidence and co-operation are restored, and commerce in consequence improves, Canada will be among the first to benefit."

Sir Charles Gordon made particular reference to the manner in which the low price levels have affected farming, lumbering, mining, and newspaper manufacture, remarking in regard to the latter that there was reason to believe that a better condition was being achieved in the profit arising from the premium on New York funds and from consolidation of companies for the purpose of reducing overhead expense and effecting more economical distribution of the product.

While expressing the opinion that

Canada's large foreign obligations would tend to prevent an early return of the Canadian dollar to par, he said he had no doubt that it would return to par. As factors already working to that end he remarked that the adverse balance of trade in the 12 months to September 30 had been reduced to \$25,000,000 as compared with \$100,000,000 for the previous 12 months, and that in the five months to October 31st last there was each month an excess of domestic exports over imports, so that it would seem that the country had reached the point of an adjusted foreign trade.

Jackson Duddy, joint general manager with W. A. Dug, in presenting the balance sheet reviewed the progress made by the Bank during the fiscal year. Remarking that "we should be thankful that we in Canada are as well off as we are," he said business, notwithstanding, was at a low ebb, and a halt must be called to monetary operations by federal, provincial and municipal authorities, as these only aggravated the situation. Referring to the fact that the downward movement of prices had reached record levels during the year, he pointed out the importance of a Central Bank in maintaining a stable price level as demonstrated by United States experience. Concluding, he urged the adoption of a policy by which as many unemployed as possible will be made self-supporting by placing them on the land.

The Hundredth Girl

It Seemed Simple—But He Didn't Know It.

By A. G. Greenwood

"That's it," thought Eddie Scott, sitting the pretty young girl, as she left the shop clinging to the arm of the fat, middle-aged fellow who had just bought a very expensive engagement ring, "ninety-nine girls out of a hundred will sell themselves for a life of luxury."

He was enlarging on this cynical theme when the shop stopped at a tall, slim girl, whose Robin Hood hat revealed a mass of dark curls.

"Good-afternoon," she said nervously. "I was wondering if you would care to buy this?"

Eddie took her outstretched palm and examined the ring, consisting of a miniature eye, encased in natural color, with a perfect pearl in the shape of a teardrop.

"I found only one," she explained, "and one carrying isn't much good, is it? Yesterday I was unlucky. I had my bag snatched. Nearly two pounds gone!"

It was some time before Eddie realized that in the case of ninety-nine such customers out of a hundred he would have asked questions. This girl was the hundredth. Questions didn't occur to him. He merely observed that the pearl was worth a couple of pounds, and then sympathized with her about the bag-snatching.

She chatted for a little, and it was only when at last she said "Good-afternoon" that he remembered to ask her name and address.

"A mere matter of form," he added; but he felt he couldn't let her vanish and be utterly lost in the world.

"Mary Hildy," she said.

Eddie repeated the name as he scribbled it on his dictation in his order-book.

"Mary Hildy, No. 4, Fairfield Road. I know it."

Swiftly he proceeded to the door and opened it. A fog had come on.

"It looks pretty thick," he said, "won't you wait? Please do. It looks hardly safe—especially with all these bag-snatchers about."

"Well, perhaps I'd better—just a few minutes."

So Eddie got a chair for her, and they talked till Eddie, glancing at the clock, ejaculated:

"Four! Would you think it frightful cheek if I asked you to have a cup of tea?"

The fog was friendly. At five o'clock it was thicker than ever. At six he reported that, though artichoke soup may be nicer than the pea variety, it is just as thick. And before it had lifted they had arranged a country tramp for Sunday.

Tramping with Mary across a windswept Surrey heath. Eddie found her glorious; seemingly fragile, yet careless of the miles and the hills; obviously dainty, yet heedless of the mile and the rain that fell towards evening.

On that walk he discovered that Mary lived with an elderly invalid cousin, a martinet, and was scarcely ever free except on Sundays, when another relation spent the day with Cousin Victoria.

"Will you meet me next Sunday?" Eddie asked before saying "Good-night."

The waitress seemed staking in the balance because she didn't immediately say "Yes." But she did, finally.

Eddie carried that queer pearl earring in his pocket on that second tramp, and wondered if, one day, he could have a fellow martinet, and also would accept—well, the three of them. This time she did not keep him in sus-

pendence at Harfield Station at the end of their tramp.

"Next Sunday at ten," said he.

"If you like," she answered, eyes shining. "Good-night."

But on Monday, as he glanced at the end of the Agony Column of his daily paper, Eddie read:

"£10 reward. Lost recently in the West End, an earring, consisting of an emerald eye and a pearl in the shape of a teardrop. All communications to S. D. Donnelly's Hotel, Bloomsbury."

With the earring in the palm of his hand, he read the advertisement again. Unlikely there could be two pairs of earrings of such unusual design. At the thought he felt uneasy, and for the first time Mary's initial remark, "I found only one," occurred to mind.

Had she picked it up? Didn't she know that feelings aren't keepings? What had he better do? See her?

She had told him not to come to the house or write, because of her old cousin. But this was a business matter, and an urgent one. He ought to go. He went. But no Mary Hildy lived at No. 4. So she had given a sham address. No wonder she would not let him see her home! But what was all this leading to? To the conclusion that she wasn't straight? No! Of course she was—straight as a die! There was some perfectly sound explanation. He must wait till they met on Sunday.

He waited for her outside Harfield Station on Sunday morning—waited till one o'clock—but she did not come. Had she seen the advertisement and taken alarm? Was she afraid to meet him? Miserably, he decided that it was up to him to communicate with the advertiser at Donnelly's Hotel, Bloomsbury.

He rang up. It was Mrs. Dawson who answered. The girl in the office, she wanted to be back on Monday evening.

On a postcard that came by the first post on Monday morning he wrote:

"So terribly sorry I couldn't keep appointment, but my cousin was suddenly taken ill, and I couldn't possibly leave her. I tried to 'phone you, but could get no reply.—Mary."

That evening Eddie went to Donnelly's Hotel. He was shown up to a private sitting-room, where he found a stout-looking, middle-aged woman, smothered in jewels.

Eddie explained his mission, and showed her the earring. She pounced on it. How? She'd know it among ten thousand. Questions poured from her. He explained.

"You mean," said she, "this girl picked it up somewhere and sold it to you? That's a crime, you know."

"I'm sure it wasn't," said Eddie. "I'm certain she has a perfectly good explanation."

Mrs. Dawson glowered, then said: "Give me her name and address."

"I'm afraid I can't," Eddie said awkwardly. "She gave them in confidence."

"Oh!" was her comment. "Well, you'll have to give them to the police, you know."

"I shall put the whole affair into their hands. I'm not at all sure that I believe your story. Maybe you picked the earring up yourself and kept it till a reward was advertised—or perhaps the girl's own accomplice."

"That," said Eddie, "is a lie. She's as straight as—"

The door was burst open and a rushed an excited waiter.

"It on frown!" he announced, and held out a salver on which lay the duplicate of the earring Mrs. Dawson still held. "Brought so dirty in a no lounge among as friends of a pair, madame!"

Mrs. Dawson snatched up the earring.

"Toll me," she cried, peering, staring at Eddie, "all you know about that girl?"

When the waiter had gone, Eddie said:



How to play Bridge AUCTION CONTRACT by Wynne Ferguson

ARTICLE No. 2

If there is one thing about Auction Contract that is certain and undisputed, it is the fact that no perfect system of bidding has been or is ever likely to be invented. Almost any system, if cleverly understood by partners and intelligently played, will produce good results. The only difference between systems of bidding is the skill of the players in choosing the different systems. The only thing that makes one system preferable to another is the fact that it is more easily understood and applied by the average player. The writer has known of many match games between experts advocating different systems and, as a rule, each match has been more or less even. And it is very likely that there is no perfect system of bidding. If there were, the game would soon lose its fascination and charm. No one likes to feel that the other fellow knows as much as he does and that the bidding were perfect, he could put anything over.

What really makes Auction and Contract so fascinating, however, is its uncertainty. Every bid, practically, is a gamble for there is no guarantee that the cards will not be so distributed that your bid, no matter how sound, cannot be made. For example, suppose you bid one heart, holding five hearts headed by the ace, king, queen and an outside ace. No one will say that such a bid is unsound under any system, and yet you are doubled and lose your contract, by three tricks. There were seven hearts in one hand against you. A bad break but no one can say you made a bad bid.

The following example hands apply only well to Auction or Contract. The dealer has two spades and second hand, holding:

Hearts—Q, J, 9, 8, 4, 3
Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10, 9
Spades—A, 10

Hearts—K, 10, 4, 3
Clubs—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
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Spades—Q

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Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

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Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

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Spades—Q

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Spades—Q

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Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
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Spades—Q

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Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—K, 10, 4, 3
Spades—Q

partner, holding the remaining six hearts, doubled and defeated the contract by three tricks. There are had breaks of course, but show what happens even to the soundest of bids. Here's the other angle; winning by bad bidding. The dealer holds a strong no-trump hand but only two little spades. Instead of bidding one no-trump, he bids two spades and was doubled by second hand. He then bid two no-trump and made three odd. Second hand and his partner had a set-up spade suit, but failed to lead it because of the dealer's bluff bid. A case example of winning by bad bidding.

Still another example. The dealer bid one no-trump and second hand, holding the following:

Hearts—10, 7
Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8
Spades—Q, 3, 2

Hearts—K, 10, 4, 3
Clubs—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
Spades—A, 10

Hearts—K, 10, 4, 3
Clubs—A, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
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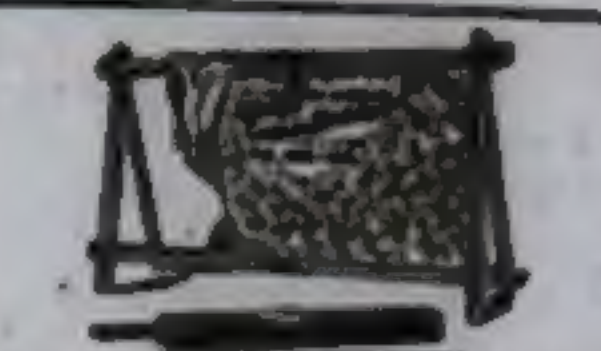
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Mrs. George Slingerland, a former resident here, died at the Home for the Aged in Toronto yesterday in her 84th year. The remains were brought here for interment on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ken Falby, of Cochrane, is spending the holidays with her parents in town.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of the General Hospital, Hamilton, was home for the weekend.

St. Alban's church Sunday school held its annual Christmas spread for the Community hall kitchenette on Monday.

The Sunday school and congregation of the Church of Christ had a pleasant evening on Friday, when a chicken supper was enjoyed, and afterwards a tree and gift distribution to the Sunday school classes.

For the second annual dance of the West Lincoln branch of the Legion on Friday night, the Community hall was prettily decorated with flags, and the orchestra was encoined behind a bower of ferns. Mrs. S. H. Anderson sang a number of solos between the dance numbers, which were played by Merril's orchestra, of Hamilton. Mrs. A. Finbow played Mrs. Anderson's accompaniments. Some 200 couples enjoyed the splendid hospitality of the Legion.

While walking along King street in front of Richardson's garage on Saturday night, Mrs. Isabella Woods was knocked down by a motorist crossing the walk to enter the garage. She was unhurt except for some slight head bruises.

The Horticultural society has placed a prettily lighted Christmas tree at the intersection of Mountain and Queen streets. The society is also placing a Christmas wreath on the cenotaph this week.

A large congregation was present for the musical services in Knox United church Sunday.

The council will assume the responsibility of lighting the civic Christmas tree planted last year by the chamber of commerce on the lawn of Dr. C. A. D. Fairfield.

The fire hydrant now standing in front of the Everett block will be moved further west, as in its present location it blocks parking in front of the Bickell grocery.

Constable Jubilee was deputized to investigate appeals for relief when such are made and report to the council. The question of the arrears in water payments was again to the fore, and it was decided to request those who have not paid their rates to date to do so before the end of the month.

A circular from the post office department proclaims the information that there will be no rural route deliveries on Christmas day, nor will the post office wickets be open for call mail.

There was a good attendance at the recent meeting of the Women's institute. Mrs. G. O. Greaves and Miss M. H. Blackley, of St. Catharines, gave some interesting statistics on the immigration question. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair gave a talk and demonstration on corsetry. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. George Lister. It was decided to hold an oyster supper in the near future, the proceeds to be devoted to relief work, and Mrs. E. Hurst was appointed the committee convenor.

Hydro Inspector George House, of Hamilton, had two cases of complaint in Magistrate Campbell's police court last week for unexpected block-ups. In the case of a radio connection, a fine of \$16 and costs was imposed on the agent making the connection and installing the plug-in himself. The case from the St. Ann's district for making an uninspected connection with a musical organ was dismissed.

Reeve E. B. Osborne acted as host to the village council at a dinner. Besides all members of the council and the village clerk, W. D. Fairbrother, former clerk and treasurer, and Sidney J. Wilson, M.L.A., were present. After dinner the council held its last meeting for the year.

Robert Kemp discussed plans for restoring the old Baptist burial ground, reporting that there were over 100 marked graves, the oldest being dated 1805. Besides the grave of Jacob Beam, founder of this village, many of the graves are of the original settlers in this district and include the grave of the doctor who attended General Brock. Due to the great historic value of this burial grounds the council is considering very carefully the best means of preserving the records and making a beauty spot of the old burial grounds.

The Horticultural society tested it was offering three prizes for the best decorated Christmas tree on the lawn of any citizen of Beamsville, and requested that the council take the necessary action to have the municipal tree decorated. This request was granted.

Officers to act at the coming municipal elections were appointed: Polling sub-division No. 1—D.R.O., George Seymour; poll clerk, William Mackie; constable, D. H. Huggins; polling sub-division No. 2—D.R.O., A. Z. Clause; poll clerk, Frank Hiltz; constable, Fred Lay.

The following grants were passed: Dr. Orr's member board of health, \$10; the Beamsville Citizens band \$100; Reeve E. B. Osborne, \$50; the Beamsville and Lincoln Poultry association \$25; the Beamsville and Clinton agricultural society, \$125.

At a special meeting of the Beamsville Horticultural society arrangements were made for a Yuletide exterior decoration contest, open to all residents of the village. Three prizes will be awarded. Between dusk and midnight on Wednesday, December 23, the judges will make their rounds. This illuminated contest will be judged on the basis of artistic effect, ingenuity of design, color blending and seasonal fitness of the whole decorating scheme.

The Beamsville firemen will hold their New Year dance in the Community hall.

Among those who have entertained for Miss Hilda Hicks, whose marriage to Aubrey Smith of Winona, will take place early in the new year are Mrs. Fred Smith, of Winona, Misses Maude Byles, Alice Parslow and Ethel Cossman and Mrs. John Bradshaw of Beamsville. Miss Hicks is at present a member of the public school staff here.

Mrs. Kennedy Falby of Cochrane is the guest of her parents, Harry and Mrs. Robinson, during the holiday season.

WINONA

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the parsonage when Eva, younger daughter of Mrs. Helen Graham was united in marriage to Claude J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, Winona. Rev. J. W. Hunt officiated. The young couple left immediately after by motor for a short trip.

The annual meeting of St. John's W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Frances Carpenter recently. The reports for the past year were read and the following officers elected for the coming year: Honorary president, Mrs. McLennan; honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. C. A. P. Smith and Mrs. E. M. Smith; president, Mrs. S. White; first vice president, Mrs. Armand Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Garrard; treasurer, Mrs. Tunc; secretary, Mrs. Vera Smith; literary secretary, Mrs. McLennan; secretary of the Living Room, Mrs. Colbrook; auditor, Mrs. Garrard and Mrs. Colbrook; social service convenor, Mrs. Armand Smith; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. J. White; secretary of seniors, Mrs. Irene Carpenter; quills, M. A. Bigger; flowers, Mrs. Armand Smith; secretary of little helpers, Miss Vera Smith; delegates, Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Colbrook; thank offering, Mrs. Richmond; silver, Mrs. J. White; dishes, Mrs. J. Camp.

Miss Viola Smith gave a tea last week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United church, the proceeds of which will go toward Christmas relief work. Those present enjoyed a delightful program during the afternoon, when Mrs. McCallum sang several solos. Miss Margaret Kelson gave a piano selection, Miss Evelyn Budge and Miss Viola Smith each singing solos. A short time was spent discussing business under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Ainslie, and during a social hour, the hostess served lunch.

Mrs. E. E. Martin has left for Norwich, where she will spend the winter months.

Friends will be glad to hear that Anley McKay, who is seriously ill with pneumonia, is showing a slight improvement.

C. and Mrs. Smith have recently returned from their honeymoon, which was spent at Toronto.

Rev. J. W. Hunt attended the funeral of the Rev. Mr. Mousinger as a representative of the Hamilton presbytery.

Schools in the surrounding district are closed Tuesday.

There has been considerable sickness in the community and several people have been confined to their homes because of colds and sore throats.

The Fifty United Sunday school held its annual supper and Christmas tree in the Sunday school rooms Friday night when a large number of children and parents sat down to a real get-together. Afterwards there was a - art programme given by the pupils. During the program Rev. J. W. Hunt on behalf of their many friends at Fifty, presented Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson, who are leaving in a few days for British Columbia, with a travelling bag, as a small token of the esteem in which they are both held in the community. Mr. Hunt in a short address paid tribute to Mr. Wilson's sterling character and sound judgment and to Mrs. Wilson's great interest in and kindness to every one, especially the children.

Santa Claus arrived amid great excitement on the part of the children and her - evening to a fitting climax. - distributed the gifts from the tree.

The public school closed for the Christmas holidays on December 22, and reopens on January 4.

The Women's institute held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Cudney on Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance and an especially interesting program which was in charge of the Junior members.

Norris Whawell will represent the Y. P. L. of Fifty in the prepared and Cameron Dankin the impromptu speeches against Stoney Creek. Mr. Johnston and Miss Catherine Lounsbury will debate for Freetland against Bartonville on January 4. The subject selected is "Resolved that the Time Is Now Ready for the Disarmament of the Nations."

Rev. Henry Cotton of Stoney Creek addressed the local legion on Wednesday night and spoke on certain social and economic conditions of today.

School was suspended Wednesday last in the third class owing to the illness of Miss Swain.

STONEY CREEK

The Women's Institute held a sale of baking in aid of the needy Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Boden, King street. The proceeds amounted to \$38. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Boden.

The girls' choir and many of the young people of the village went to Brantford Thursday evening to put on a concert in Grace church, Brantford, under the direction of Mrs. Henry Cotton. One of the special attractions was the kitchen orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Fleisher. Soloists were: Mrs. Harvey Clough, James Twaddle and Miss Helen McLeod and Bernice



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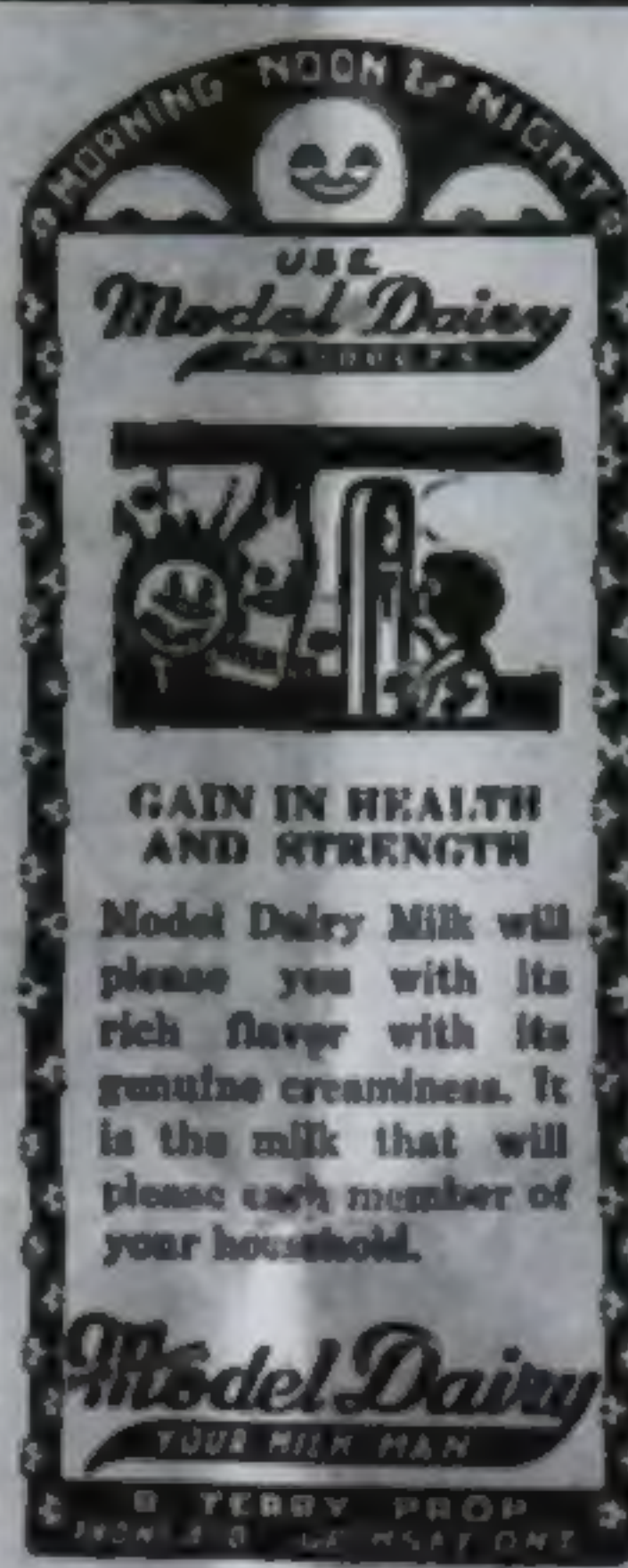
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With what is regarded as a fine spirit the Parry Sound Bantam Manufacturing company, in the village, opened its factory a week ago to give some much needed employment during the Christmas season. Ordinarily it commences the season's operations in the New Year, but the management decided on this course for the above-mentioned reasons, even if it should decide to close for two weeks later on, believing that this course would be beneficial for all concerned.

GRASSIE

Merry Christmas everybody! The Grimsby Community Club are holding a progressive euchre in the hall, on Tuesday evening, December 29th. The election of officers for the new season will take place. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Morrill, attended a golden wedding celebration in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hunt, in Grimsby, on Monday evening.

Miss A. Yorton, Hamilton, spent the week-end at her home here. Miss Evelyn Hopkins visited with her grand parents, A. and Mrs. Alhoun, at Woodville, on Sunday.

BINBROOK

Elmer and Mrs. Johnson had a very pleasant surprise on their 25th wedding anniversary, when twenty families from Blackheath presented them a china cabinet to mark the event.

The Binbrook United Women's association met on Wednesday afternoon in the Sunday school room. As this was the annual meeting, the officers were all re-elected for the year 1931. Miss Jennie Switzer being the president for the second year.

EQUALIZATION OF COUNTY ASSESSMENT DEBATED BY WENTWORTH COUNCIL

Judge Thomson's equalization of county assessment award occupied the attention of the county councilors last week. After an animated discussion it was decided to accept the judgment and that the required levy bylaw will be prepared.

Opinion was divided among the councilors as to the fairness of the award. Warden Gibson led the opposition and intimated that as far as Beverley township is concerned the award will be appealed. "I want to go on record as being opposed to the award, which I consider is most unfair to the municipality I represent," he said.

Councillor Fletcher said that whenever represented Binbrook on the county council next year would contest the award.

Congratulating his fellow on the justice of the award, Councillor Glover declared that Saltfleet township always felt that it was being assessed too high. "Regarding Barton I think the township is being assessed fairly," he said.

Saying that Barton is a town of land, Councillor J. J. said, "I feel that it is. The town was justified in making his award and he gave a very fair decision."

Councillor Thomas Stock said that he was satisfied with the award, but reminded his colleagues that the equalization cost the county between \$6000 and \$7000. "What has the county gained?" he asked. "The equalization held years ago should have been final," he said.

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